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TAGS: OVIP (SIMON, WILLIAM E.) EEW, UR, US

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON

REF: (A) 132113Z NOV 76 FROM TREASURY, (B) MOSCOW 17822

1. CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY SIMON, ACCOMPANIED BY SCO AND ACO (REF B, PARA 12) CALLED ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE (MFT) CHIEF OF PROTOCOL RAKHMANIN TODAY FOR DISCUSSION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT.

2. RAKHMANIN REQUESTED FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASAP TO FACILITATE PLANNING:

- (A) ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE ON NOVEMBER 30;
- (B) A LIST OF ALL PERSONS ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY SIMON;
- (C) A LIST IN PROTOCOL ORDER, SHOWING RANK AND TITLE, OF THOSE PERSONS LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED IN OFFICIAL ENTERTAINMENT;
- (D) NAMES OF ANY WIVES, IN ADDITION TO MRS. SIMON, MRS. SEIDMAN, MRS. JONES AND MRS. MATTHEWS (DOC), WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSES TO MOSCOW;
- (E) NAME, AGE AND SEX OF ANY DEPENDENT CHILDREN ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY SIMON OR OTHERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY PARTY.

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EM ACCOMMODATIONS. RAKHMANIN STATED THAT MFT WOULD TAKE CARE

OF SECRETARY AND HIS COLLEAGUES BUT EXPECTED EMBASSY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRET SERVICE AND AIRPLANE CREW. HE ADMITTED MEETING COULD ONLY BE "PROVISIONAL" AT THIS POINT SINCE HE COULD SAY LITTLE OF A DEFINITIVE NATURE. POSSIBLE PREFERENCE OF SECRETARY FOR KEEPING ENTIRE TREASURY PARTY TOGETHER AND FOR HOTEL ROSSIYA (REF A) WAS MENTIONED BY EMB-OFFS. RAKHMANIN, WHO DID NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY OF GUEST HOUSE, TOOK NOTE OF THESE PREFERENCES BUT SUGGESTED THAT ACCOMODATIONS AT HOTEL SOVETSKAYA SEEMED MORE FEASIBLE.

4. ENTERTAINMENT. RAKHMANIN SAID IT WAS CUSTOMARY FOR MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV TO HOST DINNER FOR OFFICIAL GUESTS. HE COULD NOT SAY YET IF DINNER ON 29TH WOULD BE ARRANGED BUT FELT IT VERY LIKELY. WE NOTED THAT IN THIS CASE, SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO HOST LUNCH AT SOVETSKAYA FOR SOVIET OFFICIALS AND SOME AMERICAN GUESTS ON NOVEMBER 30. WE ALSO NOTED THAT IF MINISTER PATOLICHEV DOES OT HOST DINNER ON 29TH, SECRETARY SIMON MIGHT WISH TO DO SO. RAKHMANIN REITERATED THAT IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR HOST TO OFFER THE FIRST ENTERTAINMENT. (FYI: TENTATIVE PLAN OF TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL IS ALSO TO OFFER SOME SORT OF WORKING LUNCH ON 30TH AT SOVETSKAYA; WE ARE THEREFORE KEEPING SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL INFORMED OF TENTATIVE PLANS SO AS TO MINIMIZE ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF SCHEDULES.)

5. APPOINTMENTS. WE AGAIN MENTIONED DESIRE OF SECRETARY SIMON TO MEET WITH SECRETARY GENERAL BREZHNEV AND MINISTER PATOLICHEV. MFT WILL UNDERTAKE TO ARRANGE THESE MEETINGS. WE DID NOT PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR SECRETARY SIMON BUT STATED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED, WITHIN THE CONFINES OF HIS SCHEDULE, TO SEE TOP-RANKING SOVIET TRADE, FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL MINISTERS (SUCH AS HEADS OF GOSBANK AND GOSPLAN) IF THESE PERSONS WISHED. SINCE SECRETARY WILL PRESUMABLY BE SEEING GOSBANK CHAIRMAN ALKHIMOV AT TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL SESSION, WE DO NOT PRESENTLY ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE OTHER MEETINGS THAN THOSE REQUESTED.

6. JOINT STATEMENT. SINCE THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN RAISED WITH MFT (REF B) PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF LATEST INSTRUCTIONS
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(REF A), WE SIMPLY NOTED THAT EARLIER SUGGESTION OF JOINT STATEMENT SEEMED OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. RAKHMANIN DID NOT DEMUR.

7. PRESS. WE HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF SECRETARY SIMON'S WISHES ON MEETING WITH PRESS (REF A, PARA 5). WE BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE AWARE THAT ROBERT KLEIMANN OF NY TIMES WILL BE IN MOSCOW AT SAME PERIOD WITH UN-RELATED ORGANIZATION AND MAY

SEEK AN INTERVIEW. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY, EMBASSY WILL PLAN TO INFORM LOCAL AMERICAN PRESS CORPS IN REGULAR WEEKLY PRESS BRIEFING NOVEMBER 19 THAT THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY WILL BE ARRIVING NOVEMBER 29. WE COULD OF COURSE DEFER THIS ANNOUNCEMENT UNTIL NOVEMBER 26, BUT WE ASSUME THAT PRESS MAY PICK UP INFORMATION EARLIER AND RAISE THE SUBJECT ON THE 19TH.

8. GROUND TRANSPORTATION. DURING DISCUSSION OF AVAILABILITY OF AUTOMOBILES TO SUPPORT THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY, RUKHMANIN PUSHED RATHER HARD TO HAVE SECRETARY RIDE IN SOVIET VEHICLE, MENTIONING GREATER FACILITATION IN ARRANGING COMMUNICATIONS. HE SAID MFT WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ENOUGH CARS FOR SECRETARY'S COLLABORATORS, INCLUDING ASSISTANT SECRETARY MATTHEWS AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOWNEY, DOC. WE IN TURN NOTED THAT EMBASSY'S AMBASSADORIAL CADILLAC WOULD BE AT DISPOSITION OF SECRETARY SIMON BUT REQUESTED THAT MFT PROVIDE AS MUCH SUPPORT AS POSSIBLE. WE ALSO REQUESTED BUS TO TRANSPORT PARTY TO AND FROM AIRPORT AND VEHICLES FOR HANDLING BAGGAGE.

9. COMMUNICATIONS. EMBOFFS MENTIONED HAVING SENT NOTE REQUESTING MOBILE RADIO FREQUENCIES FOR SECRETARY'S PARTY. RAKHMANIN ASKED IF NOTE HAD BEEN SENT TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UPON RECEIVING AFFIRMATIVE ANSWER, HE SAID MFT WOULD LOOK INTO IT. (COMMENT: THESE FREQUENCIES WERE DENIED FOR PREVIOUS SIMON VISIT.)

10. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF JOINT TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL, CONTROL OFFICER PASSED NAMES PROVIDED IN REF A, PARA 4, FOR PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATION IN COUNCIL SESSIONS. PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE ARE TO BE ANY ADDITIONAL NAMES. FOR USDOC: COUNCIL ALREADY HAS NAMES OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ASS'T SECRETARY MATTHEWS AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DOWNEY; IF PERMISSION FOR OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL SESSIONS IS DESIRED, PLEASE INDICATE ASAP.
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